

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2, 3 A.M.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND, Louisville, Ky., Oct. 1.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 1.

In obedience to instructions from the War Department, the undersigned assumes command of the Department of the Cumberland, composed of the States of Kentucky and Tennessee.

The following named officers are announced as members of his staff:

Capt. O. D. Greene, Assistant Adj't General;

Capt. H. C. Symonds, Commissary of Subsistence;

Capt. Walworth Jenkins, Quartermaster;

Capt. F. E. Prime, Corps of Engineers;

1st Lieut. A. M. Miller, Corps of Topographical Engineers;

Surgeon Robert Murray, Medical Director and Surgeon;

(Signed) ROBERT ANDERSON,

Brigadier General U. S. A., Commanding Department.

(Official)

OLIVER D. GREENE, Assistant Adj't General.

RIVER AND STEAMBOAT MATTERS.

The river is rising very rapidly, and there was last evening 11 feet 9 inches water in the canal, and 9 feet 9 inches in the pass at the falls, and nearly 9 feet over the rocks. The upper stream is at flood light, we may expect a partial overflow at this latitude. The weather is clear and pleasant.

At Cincinnati during the twenty-four hours ending Monday evening, the river at that point had risen sixteen feet, and at dark was still swelling at the rate of eight inches an hour, with every prospect of giving Rat and Savage Rivers their annual cleaning out. The river is covered with immense quantities of drift wood, and houses, barns, and wheat, oats, and hay stack fast by almost hourly. One hay stack passed that city on Monday on fire, and a house that was swept along on the rushing waters contained several men who did not appear to be any more alarmed than they would be in a first-class steamer. About fifteen thousand feet of lumber, lying near the mouth of Mill Creek, were swept away during the day. The destruction of property on the banks of the Big Sandy and the two Kanawas must have been immense. The rise in the Ohio is occasioned mainly by these streams.

We give the particulars in our correspondence this morning of an account of a spirited engagement between the rebel and Federal gun-boats on the lower Mississippi.

The elegant steamer Superior is the mail and passenger packet for Cincinnati at noon to day.

The elegant steamer Eagle, Capt. Donnelly, will leave for Henderson at the usual hour this afternoon.

The Diligent is making regular trips between this port and the mouth of Salt river.

The J. H. Done, Capt. Davis, is advertised to leave for Pittsburgh at four o'clock this afternoon.

The Nashville, Capt. Barlow, will leave for St. Louis positively at ten o'clock this morning.

Col. George G. Holmes, commanding the Western Col. of Engineers, has sent a despatch to the War Department, reporting that he has received a recruiting party from the 1st Kentucky regiment, having a recruiting camp in Evansville, Ind., and is in an unbroken condition, and cannot be accurately described. The workmen had not time to complete it before the rebels had it in full retreat, and consequently it was buried to keep it from falling into the hands of the Union troops.

It is composed chiefly of sixteen short cylinders, each containing twelve chambers, and it is designed to throw one ball through the barrels at a time.

No wonder that his soldiers were

so much more nerve to do noble deeds of

bravery.

The Diligent is making regular trips between this port and the mouth of the Kentucky River.

It is about forty miles from the Tennessee railroad.

The Engineer's informant says that, on his way down the State road leading through Prestonsburg, he constantly met squads on horseback, in wagons, and on foot, with shot-guns and revolvers, on their way to Virginia to join the Southern army.

THE FLOYD COUNTY (INDIANA) SENATORSHIP.—We are gratified to learn that Augustus Bradley, Esq., of New Albany, has consented to become a candidate to fill the vacancy in the State Senate occasioned by the appointment of D. C. Anthony to a Col. of Engineers. Mr. Bradley, we believe, is a native of Floyd county, and is familiar with its resources. He is a gentleman of very decided talents. He is a gentleman of strong points of character, not the least marked of which is his unbending purpose to do the right when his very excellent judgment has chosen the path of duty. He is warmly attached to the Union of the States, while he would guarantee each State full rights under the Constitution. No patriot can object to his election on the score of principle, and no good man can find a blemish in his public or private character. Floyd county will honor her by selecting Mr. Bradley as her representative in the Senate of the State.

THE REBELS IN KENTUCKY.—General O. M. Mitchell stated at the Burnside House, Cincinnati, on Monday evening, in a brief address to the Thirty-first Ohio Regiment, which was on its way to Kentucky, that he had received a large supply of heavy reinforcements for Gen. Zollicoffer through Cumberland Gap, and the movement of the rebel army toward Central Kentucky. Ohio troops are being thrown forward with all possible expedition to reinforce Gen. Thomas at Camp Dick Robinson, and a battle is expected in that quarter directly.

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